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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 2271

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: XX, SU
SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT: SITREP III

REF: KHARTOUM 2249

1. EVENTS: KHARTOUM REMAINS CALM. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI HAS DESIGNATED ALL SUDANESE LAND, TERRITORIAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE AS "PART OF THE BATTLEZONE" SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING AIRPORTS AND HARBORS (PORT SUDAN). A NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO "CONSOLIDATE THE WAR EFFORT" HAS BEEN FORMED UNDER SSU AUSPICES COMPOSED OF SSU, UNION, INDUSTRY AND ARMY REPS. PLANS FOR MILITARY TRAINING AND CIVIL DEFENSE EXPECTED BE ANNOUNCED SOON. SUDAN RR HAS BEEN TRANSFERRING SUDANESE TROOPS AND VEHICLES TO EGYPT. REPORTS NOW INDICATE A BRIGADE (ABOUT 2000 MEN) MAY BE INVOLVED. SOLDIERS OF SOUTHER ORIGION (MANY OF WHOM RECEIVED ISRAELI TRAINING DURING NORTH/SOUTH DISSIDENCE) REPORTEDLY BEING EXCLUDED.

2. PRESS COMMENT: SUDANESE PRESS CARRYING ARAB AND WESTERN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS OR PRESUMED US ARMS SUPPLIES AND "VOLUNTEERS" TO ISRAEL. BANNER HEADLINES REFER TO EGYPTIAN "WARNING" AGAINST
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"ANY" US RESUPPLY EFFORT. COVERAGE ALSO GIVEN SECRETARY

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KISSINGER'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON SOVIET SUPPLY INTERPRETED AS US PRETEXT FOR FUTURE INTERVENTION. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI MADE TELEVISED SPEECH OCT. 13 WHICH GAVE BALANCED TREATMNT ME CONFLICT AS ONLY ONE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TOPICS COVERED. HE DESIGNATED 1974 AS "YEAR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT" THUS IMPLICITLY REFLECTING GOS HOPE THAT MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT CAN BE STOPPED BEFORE IT GETS IN WAY HIS OWN PRIORITIES.

3. PUBLIC ATTITUDES: NO DEMONSTRATIONS OR INDIVIDUAL ACTS OF HOSTILITY TOWARD AMERICANS REPORTED. NEGATIVE PUBLIC REACTION CAN BE EXPECTED, HOWEVER, SHOULD US UNDERTAKE SUBSTANTIAL RESUPPLY EFFORT.

4. NIMEIRI/AMBASSADOR TALK: SEE SEPTEL.
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